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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Hiroaki FUKUDA, et al.

SERIAL NO: 09/749,819

GAU: 2623

RCE FILED: Herewith

EXAMINER: TUCKER, W.

FOR: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR IMAGE PROCESSING, AND A COMPUTER PRODUCT

**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.136**

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

It is hereby requested that a **three** month extension of time be granted to **DECEMBER 15, 2004** for

- filing a response to the Official Action dated:
- responding to the requirements in the Notice of Allowability dated:
- filing the Formal Drawings. The Issue Fee due has been timely filed.
- responding to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application dated:
- filing a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in lieu of a Notice of Appeal. A timely response to the final rejection, due **SEPTEMBER 15, 2004**, has been filed.
- filing an Appeal Brief. A Notice of Appeal was filed on:
- Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Therefore, the fee amount shown below is reduced by one-half.

The required fee of **\$1,020.00** is enclosed herewith by **credit card payment** and any further charges may be made against the Attorney of Record's Deposit Account No. **15-0030**. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully Submitted,

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